



Strasbourg, 3 December 2025

T-PVS/Agenda(2025)21

CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION OF EUROPEAN WILDLIFE
AND NATURAL HABITATS

Standing Committee

45th meeting
Strasbourg, 8-12 December 2025
Strasbourg

Opening of the meeting: 2.00 pm CET on Monday 8 December 2025¹

Close of the meeting: 12.30 pm CET on Friday 12 December 2025

DRAFT AGENDA

PART I – OPENING

- 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
 - 2. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CONTRACTING PARTIES AND FROM THE SECRETARIAT**
- 2.1. Reykjavik process and the environment**

2.1.1 *Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law*

[CM(2025)52-final - Council of Europe Convention on the Protection of the Environment through Criminal Law]

2.1.2 *Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment and Action Plan related to the Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment*

[Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment]
[Action Plan related to the Council of Europe Strategy on the Environment]
[GME(2024)1 –Terms of Reference of the Ad hoc Multidisciplinary Group on the Environment (GME)]
[GME(2024)AR4 –Abridged report of the 4th meeting of the GME]
[GME(2024)AR3 –Abridged report of the 3rd meeting of the GME]
[GME(2024)AR2 –Abridged report of the 2nd meeting of the GME]
[GME(2024)AR1 –Abridged report of the 1st meeting of the GME]

2.1.3 *Establishment of a Steering Committee on the Environment (CDENV)*

¹ Draft plan for the discussion of the agenda is available at the end of this document. Meeting documents shall be available one month before the meeting at this link: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/bern-convention/-/45th-standing-committee>

[GME(2025)10–Terms of Reference of the Standing Committee on the Environment (CDENV)]

2.2. Participation of the Council of Europe to the COP 30 (Belém, Brazil, November 2025)

3 FINANCING AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE BERN CONVENTION

3.1 Financing of the Bern Convention

3.1.1 Voluntary contributions received in 2025: state of play

[T-PVS/Inf(2025)18Rev - Table of the voluntary contributions received]

3.1.2 Working Group on exploring sustainable financing options for the Bern Convention

[T-PVS(2025)15 - Report of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on exploring sustainable financing options for the Bern Convention]

[T-PVS/Inf(2025)44 - Note on the financing options of the Bern Convention]

[T-PVS/Inf(2025)42 – Draft Terms of Reference Working Group on exploring sustainable financing options for the Bern Convention]

3.2 Working Group on exploring mechanisms to guide amendments to the appendices of the Bern Convention

[T-PVS(2025)03 – Report of the 1st meeting of the Working Group on exploring mechanisms to guide amendments to the appendices of the Bern Convention]

[T-PVS(2025)14 – Report of the 2nd meeting of the Working Group on exploring mechanisms to guide amendments to the appendices of the Bern Convention]

[T-PVS/Inf(2025)25rev – Proposals for improving the listing process to amend Appendices I, II & III]

[T-PVS/Inf(2025)41 – Terms of Reference Working Group on exploring mechanisms to guide amendments to the appendices of the Bern Convention]

3.3 Working Group on overseeing implementation of the Strategic Plan

[T-PVS(2025)01 – Report of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group overseeing the implementation of the Strategic Plan]

3.4 Revision of the Rules of Procedure of the Standing Committee: state of play

3.5 Thematic Groups of Experts and Working Groups under the Bern Convention: state of play and ways forward

[T-PVS/Inf(2025)30rev - Overview of the thematic group of experts and working groups set up under the Bern convention]

PART II – MONITORING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGAL ASPECTS

4 MONITORING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGAL ASPECTS OF THE CONVENTION

4.1 Biennial reports 2023-2024 concerning exceptions made to Articles 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8: state of play and new Online Reporting System

4.2 Council of Europe Interim Progress Review Report 2025: inputs from Contracting parties

PART III – MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS

5 MONITORING OF SPECIES AND HABITATS

5.1 Conservation of Birds & IKB

Joint meeting with the CMS MIKT on IKB and Group of Experts on the Conservation of Birds

[T-PVS(2025)09 - Report of the Joint meeting on IKB of CMS MIKT and Bern Convention]

*[T-PVS(2025)10 - Report of the meeting of the Group of Experts on conservation of wild birds]
[T-PVS/Inf(2025)45rev - Guidance tool for good practices in bird conservation in the development of renewable energies]*

5.2 Conservation of Large Carnivores

*[T-PVS(2025)11 - Report of the meeting of the Group of experts on Large Carnivores – June 2025]
[T-PVS(2025)17 – Report of the meeting of the Group of experts on Large Carnivores – September 2025]
[T-PVS/Inf(2025)37rev – Draft Terms of Reference of the Group of Experts on large carnivores]
[T-PVS/Inf(2025)48e - Note on wolf monitoring]
[T-PVS/Inf(2025)19rev_ Best practices for management of large carnivores in Europe
with respect to lethal and non-lethal management measures]
[T-PVS/Inf(2025)49 - Strategy for the Rescue and Conservation of the Balkan Lynx 2026–2035]*

5.3 Amphibians and Reptiles and Invasive Alien Species (IAS)

*[T-PVS(2025)07 - Report of the meeting of the Group of Experts on Invasive Alien Species]
[T-PVS(2025)08 - Report of the meeting of the Group of Experts
on the Conservation of Amphibians and Reptiles]
[T-PVS(2025)18 - Report of the joint meeting of the Groups of Experts on Invasive Alien Species and on
the Conservation of Amphibians and Reptiles]
[T-PVS(2025)19 - Report of the follow-up meeting of the Group of Experts on Invasive Alien Species]*

5.4 Action Plan for the Eradication of the Ruddy Duck

5.5 Conservation of Habitats

5.5.1 Emerald Network of Areas of Special Conservation Interest

[T-PVS(2025)20 - Report of the meeting of the Group of Experts on Protected Areas and Ecological Networks]

- a) Revision of the Emerald Network Standard Data Form (SDF) and inclusion in Resolution No.5 (1998)

[T-PVS/PA(2025)03 - Standard Data Data Form]

- b) Criteria for assessing changes in the Emerald Network

[T-PVS/PA(2025)01 - Criteria for assessing changes in the Emerald Network]

- c) Screening, prior assessment and authorisation of potential harmful projects

*[T-PVS/PA(2025)02 - Emerald Network: screening, prior assessment and
authorisation of potentially harmful projects]*

- d) Draft updated list of adopted Emerald Network sites and draft updated list of candidate Emerald Network sites

*[T-PVS/PA(2025)04 – Draft updated list of Emerald Network candidate sites]
[T-PVS/PA(2025)05 – Draft updated list of Emerald Network adopted sites]*

- e) Update on the support provided to Contracting Parties to ensure updated databased are submitted to the Bern Convention

5.5.2 European Diploma for Protected Area (EDPA)

- a) Meeting of the Group of Specialists on the EDPA

*[T-PVS/DE(2025)07 – Report of the Group of Specialists on the European Diploma for Protected Areas]
[T-PVS/DE(2025)09 – List of areas which could benefit from an on-the-spot appraisal in 2026]*

- b) Celebrations of the 60th anniversary of the EDPA

*[[60th anniversary of the European Diploma for Protected Areas](#) - Broadcast
of the Celebratory Event, 21 May 2025]
[[TPVS/Agenda\(2025\)05](#) - Event to mark the 60th anniversary of the
European Diploma for Protected Areas, 21 May 2025]*

- c) Roundtable of the Managers of the Diploma holding areas
[TPVS/Agenda(2025)08 - Roundtable of the Managers of the Diploma holding areas, 21-22 May 2025]
[TPVS/DE(2025)06 - Granada Declaration]
- d) Award ceremony of the EDPA to Sierra Nevada National Park, Nature Park and Biosphere Reserve (Spain)
- e) New applications for EDPA

5.6 Reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012) on the conservation status of species and habitats

- [T-PVS(2025)05 – Abridged meeting Report of the Webinar on Favourable Reference Values, Habitat Condition and Future Prospects]*
- [T-PVS(2025)01 – Report of the 3rd meeting of the Working Group overseeing the implementation of the Strategic Plan]*
- [T-PVS(2025)21 – Report on the 7th meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group on Reporting back -to-back with a training course on reporting for non-EU Contracting Parties]*
- [T-PVS Inf(2025)43 - Terms of Reference Working Group on Reporting under Resolution No. 8 (2012)]*

PART IV – MONITORING OF SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS

6 SPECIFIC SITES AND POPULATIONS

6.1 Minimising the negative impact of mining on biodiversity

6.2 Open Files

- 1986/08: Greece: Recommendation No. 9 (1987) on the protection of Caretta Caretta in Laganas bay, Zakynthos (OSA)
[T-PVS/Files(2025)1986-08_gov - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2025)1986-08_comp - Complainant Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2025)1986-08_ngo - Archelon NGO Report]
- 2010/05: Greece: Threats to marine turtles in Thines Kiparissias (OSA)
[T-PVS/Files(2025)2010-05_gov - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2025)2010-05_comp - Complainant Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2025)2010-05_ngo - Archelon NGO Report]
- 1995/06: Cyprus: Akamas peninsula
[T-PVS/Files(2025)1995-06_gov - Government Report]
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- 2012/09: Türkiye: Presumed degradation of nesting beaches in Fethiye and Patara SPAs
[T-PVS/Files(2025)2012-09_gov - Government Report]
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- 2017/02: North Macedonia: Negative impacts to Lake Ohrid and Galichica National Park candidate Emerald Sites due to infrastructure developments
[T-PVS/Files(2025)2017-02_gov - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2025)2017-02_comp - Complainant Report]

- 2016/05: Albania: Presumed negative impact of developments on the Vjosa river including hydro-power plant and Vlora International Airport

[T-PVS/Files(2025)2016-05_gov - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2025)2016-05_comp - Complainant Report]

- 2016/04: Montenegro: Development of a commercial project in Skadar Lake National Park and candidate Emerald site

[T-PVS/Files(2025)2016-04_gov - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2025)2016-04_comp - Complainant Report]

- 2019/05: Türkiye: Habitat destruction in Mersin Anamur Beach

[T-PVS/Files(2025)2019-05_gov - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2025)2019-05_comp - Complainant Report]

- 2020/09: Bosnia-Herzegovina: Possible negative impact of hydro-power plant development on the Neretva river

[T-PVS/Files(2025)2020-09_gov - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2025)2020-09_comp - Complainant Report]

- 2022/03: Norway: Wolf culling policy

[T-PVS/Files(2025)2022-03_gov - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2025)2022-03_comp - Complainant Report]

- 2023/03: Switzerland: New wolf culling policy

[T-PVS/Files(2025)2023-03_gov - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2025)2023-03_comp - Complainant Report]

6.3 Possible Files

- 2001/04: Bulgaria: Motorway through the Kresna Gorge

[T-PVS/Files(2025)2001-04_gov - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2025)2001-04_comp - Complainant Report]

- 2020/04: Armenia: The Amulsar gold mine project and its impacts on Emerald Network sites

[T-PVS/Files(2025)2020-04_gov - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2025)2020-04_comp - Complainant Report]

- 2022/06: Serbia: Possible negative impact of mining activities in Bosilegrad and in the Homolje Mt region

[T-PVS/Files(2025)2022-06_gov - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2025)2022-06_comp - Complainant Report]

- 2022/02: Austria: Alleged violation of the Convention in relation to deliberate killing of lutra lutra

[T-PVS/Files(2025)2022-02_gov - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2025)2022-02_comp - Complainant Report]

- 2022/07: Bosnia and Herzegovina: Possible negative impact of mining activities in Trstionica – Gornja Bukovica and Vareš

[Government Report Not Received]
[T-PVS/Files(2025)2022-07_comp - Complainant Report]

6.4 Follow-up of previous complaints and Recommendations

- Türkiye: Recommendation No. 95 (2002) on the conservation of marine turtles in Kazanlı beach (Türkiye)

[T-PVS/Files(2025) Recommendation No.95_gov - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2025) Recommendation No.95_comp - Complainant Report]

- Iceland: Recommendation No.190 (2016) on the conservation of natural habitats and wildlife, especially birds, in afforestation of lowland in Iceland

[T-PVS/Files(2025)Recommendation No.190_gov - Government Report]
[Complainant Report Not Received]

- Bulgaria: Recommendation No. 200 (2018) on the windfarms planned near Balchik and Kaliakra, and other wind farm developments on the Via Pontica route

[T-PVS/Files(2025)Recommendation No.200_gov - Government Report]
[T-PVS/Files(2025)Recommendation No.200_comp - Complainant Report]

PART V – COOPERATION AND PROGRAMME OF WORK 2026

7 INTERNATIONAL COORDINATION WITH OTHER MEAs AND ORGANISATIONS

8 PROGRAMME OF ACTIVITIES AND BUDGET FOR 2026

[T-PVS(2025)12 – Draft Programme of activities and budget 2026]

9 STATES TO BE INVITED AS OBSERVERS TO THE 46TH MEETING

PART VI – OTHER ITEMS

10 ELECTION OF CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR AND BUREAU MEMBERS

11 DATE AND PLACE OF THE 46TH MEETING

12 ADOPTION OF THE MAIN DECISIONS OF THE MEETING

13 CLOSING OF THE MEETING

TENTATIVE ORDER OF BUSINESS²

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² Time slots are indicative only- certain agenda items may be reshuffled during the meeting when necessary.

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